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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/877,219 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LINING A CONDUIT" by Richard T. Heagy, et al.; Our Reference: FIB500/4-001/58000 (Confirmation No. 8534)

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449;
3. Copies of References A1-A29, B1-B8, and C1-C3; and
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